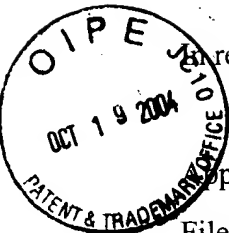


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. The due date for this response has been extended to **October 19, 2004** by filing concurrently herewith a request for extension of time and appropriate fee.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Attorney Docket Number 02317.0006.NPUS00.